

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0003] The Examiner graciously talked with the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on March 3, 2009. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to each of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0004] During the interview, we discussed how the claims differed from the cited reference, namely Dunbar et al. (US 200410268397). Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, we also proposed several possible clarifying amendments.

[0005] I understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that independent claims 1, 11 and 21 would be patentable over the cited reference if amended as discussed during the interview.

[0006] Applicant herein amends the claims in the manner discussed during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited reference of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.